



Anticipated 2016 Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Projects

Open House Meeting

November 25, 2013



Agenda

- Introductions
- Timeline
- Project Components
- Funding
- What You Can Expect
- Communication
- How to Prepare
- Q&A

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Introductions

Engineering Technicians:
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Jeff Frahm



Eng. Coordinator
Sharon Allison



Environmental Engineer **Water Resources Coordinator** **Transportation Planner**
Ross Bintner **Laura Alder** **Mark Nolan**



Interim City Engineer
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Anticipated 2016 Projects

**Morningside A & White Oaks C
Golf Terrace B
Strachauer Park A**

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Process





Typical Timeline

July/August

Feasibility report and estimates provided

December/January

Public hearing

January-March

Plan preparation and bidding

April/May

Construction begins

October/November

Construction concludes

Spring

Warranty work

Summer/Fall

Final assessment hearing



Why My Street?

- Streets that meet specific standards are subject to reconstruction.
- Priority is given to streets with the highest need based on watermain breaks, sanitary sewer deficiencies, storm sewer/drainage issues, and Pavement Condition Index.
- Reconstruction is usually more cost-effective in the long-term than patching or seal-coating.
- Streets are grouped together to help prolong pavement life and maximize the economics of scale for construction.



What is Included?

- Always included:
 - Roadway – replacing the entire roadbed
 - Curb and gutter – all or pieces
 - Utility upgrades
- Sometimes included:
 - Sump pump drainage system
 - Sidewalks
 - Streetlights
 - Traffic management
- Full project scope is based on the condition of the infrastructure and resident questionnaire responses



Typical Utility Improvements

- New fire hydrants and gate valves
- Sanitary sewer spot repairs and replacement
- Storm sewer upgrades
 - Sump pump drain pipe in various locations



Typical Roadway Improvements

- Spot replacement of curb and gutter
- New roadbed and pavement surface





Typical Roadway Improvements

- Spot driveway end replacement





Funding

- Projects are funded by a combination of special assessments to residents and the City's Utility Fund
- Assessments are assigned to adjacent properties that stand to benefit from construction improvements
- Special assessments to residents cover 100 percent of roadway costs



Funding

- Sidewalks are not included in special assessments
- City's Assessment Policy
 - 1 single family home = 1 REU (residential equivalent unit)
 - Corner lots = 1 REU, 2/3 REU, or 1/3 REU



Funding

- Utility Fund covers 100 percent of:
 - Concrete curb and gutter
 - Sanitary sewer
 - Storm sewer
 - Water main
 - Sump pump pipe
- The Utility Fund is a collection of utility service charges paid to the City



Other Impacts

- Our goal is to streamline projects and minimize neighborhood disturbance.
- The City encourages private utility companies (gas, electric, telephone and cable TV) to upgrade or repair utilities along the project area.



Do Taxes Cover Street Projects?

- Roughly 20 percent of your property taxes go to the City for expenses such as Police, Fire, Parks and Public Works (snowplowing, pothole repairs, sealcoating, and other street maintenance).
- Your taxes do not pay for street reconstruction.



Payment Options

- You will be billed for the assessment one year after project completion
- Assessments are payable over 15 years
- Payment options:
 1. Pay entire amount upon receiving bill to avoid finance charges
 2. Pay 25 percent; balance rolls to property taxes
 3. Roll entire amount to property taxes
 4. Defer payment if 65 years old or older



What You Can Expect

- We will keep you informed.
- You will have opportunities to provide input.
- Private utility work is to be completed before City work.
- We will do our best to minimize inconveniences, but construction does not come without pain points.



What You Can Expect

- Dust, noise, vibrations, and mud.
- Localized ponding during rainfall.
- Timelines sometimes delayed due to weather.
- You may be asked to limit water use.
- Your home may be connected to a temporary water line.





What You Can Expect

- Your driveway may be inaccessible for 3-5 days.
- Roadways to your home may be periodically inaccessible.
- The contractor will accommodate special access needs.
- Irrigation and pet containment systems mostly likely will be damaged.





Property Impacts

- Items located within the City's right-of-way may be damaged
 - Irrigation and pet containment systems will be repaired.
 - You can remove plantings and other landscape features before the project.
 - The City will seed in the right-of-way after the project is complete.



Providing Input

- Public hearings and questionnaire mailed to your home
- Weigh in on:
 - Sump pump drainage options
 - Are there traffic or drainage issues in your neighborhood?



Communication Tools

- Become a neighborhood captain to help facilitate project communication.
 - Let us know of someone in your neighborhood who might fit this role.
- You will be notified of all meetings, hearings, schedules and questionnaires via regular mail.
- Public hearing notices are also published in *Edina Sun-Current*.
- Door hangers are hung when there is time-sensitive information.
- Final assessment notices are mailed one year after construction.



City Extra

“City Extra” emails are the best way to receive regular updates once construction begins. These are free weekly email updates about your project.

- Sign up on City of Edina website, www.EdinaMN.gov.
 - Check the box next to your project name.
- If you cannot receive email, we will mail you City Extra updates upon request.
- It's the best way to stay informed.



How to Prepare

- Sign up for City Extra
- Begin financial planning
- Complete questionnaire
- Coordinate home and yard improvement projects around the street construction timeline
- Ask questions; stay informed

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Contact Us

Email: mail@edinamn.gov

Call: 952-826-0371

Visit: Engineering Department
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Thanks for your time!

Questions?